



Adult Learners

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324 Outreach Building, Innovation Park 1:00 p.m. **Executive Committee Minutes**

Attended: Albert Lozano, Chair-elect and meeting leader; Ken Thigpen, Martha Jordan, Terry Speicher, Michele Rice, and Judy Wills, Recorder.

Unable to attend: Francis Achampong, Renee Thornton-Roop

- 1. Albert Lozano called the meeting to order and the committee approved minutes from November 18, 2015.
- 2. Action items raised during full Commission meeting/committee reports
 - a. The group recommended inviting Diana Gruendler to the March full Commission meeting. Michele Rice will contact her to extend the invitation. She will discuss the new Integrated Social Sciences degree program and its distinguishing options.
 - b. Specific questions from our earlier meeting discussion:
 - Need to ensure that a degree completion program adds value/depth.
 - A broad, general program may be suited for returning students who need to return for a degree to advance any further in their field after they hit a career plateau.
 - How could capstone experience be utilized to demonstrate deeper thinking, not necessarily more technical thinking?
 - Think about who our students really are. If look at as blocks, could it be tied to tuition model?
- 3. Plan for discussion topics for President Barron's visit February 17, 2016.
 - a. Martha Jordan recommended and the committee agreed to asking Christian Brady and Jo Anne Carrick to prepare discussion points around alternative tuition models for discussion with President Barron. Lozano will relay the request to Brady and Carrick.
 - b. Agenda logistics

Dr. Barron is expected to join our meeting from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Per email from Renee Thornton-Roop, the Military and Veteran Support Services Committee need fifteen-twenty minutes to present their survey results and

recommendations.

The agenda will allow twenty minutes for discussion around the above mentioned topics from the earlier Task Force discussion.

- 4. Michele Rice requested that previously-approved funding for developing the PLA web site be expanded to allow for the update and reprinting of the PLA brochure to use in the interim. The committee approved her request.
- 5. Lozano adjourned the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

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